

# Developing Skills and Fostering Inspiration in the Practice of Conservation and Stewardship

MAY 27-JUNE 13, 2003

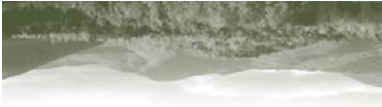
The Natural Areas Center at the University of Vermont in cooperation with the Conservation Study Institute, Vermont Land Trust, and Shelburne Farms, is co-sponsoring the ninth annual Summer Land Conservation Program from May 27 to June 13, 2003. This year's program explores a variety of conservation topics through a series of short courses.

Join experienced faculty and colleagues in one or more of these offerings to examine tools and techniques for developing and shaping conservation strategies. Learn the art of "conversation between people and land" to inform and inspire your work. The program is designed for students, professionals, volunteers, and all who are involved in land conservation.

Program activities will take place at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne and the University of Vermont in Burlington. See specific descriptions for locations and times. Course fees include instructional handouts and reading materials. Participants are responsible for their own meals and lodging. Contact the Natural Areas Center for assistance, if needed.

## Sponsors

- Conservation Study Institute** is a partnership of the National Park Service, UVM, Shelburne Farms, and QLF/Atlantic Center for the Environment. The Institute creates opportunities for dialogue, inquiry, and lifelong learning to enhance leadership and the stewardship of landscapes, parks, and communities. [www.nps.gov/csi](http://www.nps.gov/csi)
- Shelburne Farms** is a nonprofit environmental education organization, 1,400-acre working farm, and National Historic Landmark. Its mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic by teaching and demonstrating the stewardship of natural and agricultural resources. [www.shelburnefarms.org](http://www.shelburnefarms.org)
- The University of Vermont Natural Areas Center** provides educational opportunities, professional development, research support, and outreach services to individuals and groups within and beyond the University concerning the identification, protection, and management of natural areas and other conservation lands.
- The Vermont Land Trust** is a nonprofit organization whose mission it is to conserve land for the future of Vermont. [www.vlt.org](http://www.vlt.org)



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# Schedule of Offerings

All courses run two days, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day.  
Fee per course: \$100. Some offerings may be held outdoors, so come prepared by wearing comfortable clothing. Bring a bag lunch, something to drink, a stiff-backed notebook and pens.

**MAY 27-28** Tues. & Wed.

## Land Conservation Leadership Skills

**INSTRUCTOR:** Steve Libby, Adjunct Faculty, UVM Environmental Program and Land Conservation Consultant  
**LOCATION:** Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont

Whether seeking a career in land conservation or working as part of a volunteer land trust, individuals need to acquire the skills and knowledge of organizational dynamics to be successful. This course will provide an overview of the array of organizational challenges that land conservation organizations face and discuss the solutions to those challenges. Participants will engage in the mock creation of a small land trust and work through the evolutionary challenges of fundraising, strategic planning, and growth.

**MAY 29-30** Thurs. & Fri.

## GIS Applications for Land Conservation

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dave Capen, Faculty, UVM School of Natural Resources  
**LOCATION:** Aiken Center, School of Natural Resources, University of Vermont

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are being employed by conservation land trusts for a variety of purposes - from keeping accurate inventories of protected lands to developing strategic plans for the conservation of large landscapes. This course will acquaint participants with the array of potential uses of GIS technology through case studies of existing land conservation applications, discussion of hypothetical planning and acquisition strategies and a look at the future of remote sensing. (*This is not an instructional course on how to operate GIS software*)

**JUNE 2-3** Mon. & Tues.

## Land Conservation and the Community

**INSTRUCTOR:** Patricia Stokowski, Faculty, UVM School of Natural Resources  
**LOCATION:** Aiken Center, School of Natural Resources, University of Vermont

Many national and regional land conservation organizations are grappling with the need to create strong and sustainable working relations with local communities. As this trend continues, further understanding of the dynamics of community structure and the development of models for effective engagement will be crucial. This course will acquaint participants with an academic portrayal of the evolution of community structure and apply that understanding to real world case studies in northern Vermont.

**JUNE 4-5** Wed. & Thurs.

## Advanced Easement Drafting

**INSTRUCTOR:** Steve Libby, Adjunct Faculty, UVM Environmental Program and Land Conservation Consultant  
**LOCATION:** Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont

The increasingly complex nature of land conservation projects requires heightened creativity in the drafting of conservation easements. Landscape protection projects involving thousands of acres of land with a diversity of conservation purposes and numerous involved organizational partners requires new thinking and solutions. This course will provide practicing professionals and advanced students of land conservation with the latest conservation easement models which seek to conserve biodiversity, incorporate conservation science, require ecological restoration, promote sustainable working lands, provide necessary long term flexibility, and meet the challenges of effective stewardship.

**JUNE 12-13** Thurs. & Fri.

## Knowing Place, Writing Home

**INSTRUCTOR:** Elizabeth Getchell, Instructor, UVM Environmental Program  
**LOCATION:** Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont

How can we deepen our connections to our surroundings? And how can these connections enhance our understanding and appreciation for the human and natural communities we call home? In this interactive course, we examine how we come to know and love the places where we live, and how writing about our experiences in place can help us become better inhabitants. We explore habits that inspire attentiveness and commitment to home, and discuss the writing process and selected short readings. Writing exercises and activities are designed to engage memory, promote awareness and open the mind for rewarding work with ideas and stories. Use this course to help motivate you to launch writing projects and develop rituals to enhance your sense of place. All levels of writing ability are welcome. Shelburne Farms is an inspiring setting for two stimulating days of immersion in place, words, and the senses.

**NOTE:** All offerings are available for Academic credit through the UVM Environmental Program and the Division of Continuing Education. Inquiries should be made to the UVM Natural Areas Center: (802) 656-4055 or [rparadis@zoo.uvm.edu](mailto:rparadis@zoo.uvm.edu).

# Vermont Summer Land Conservation Program

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## Registration Form

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 15, 2003

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (eve): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the **University of Vermont** and mail to:  
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